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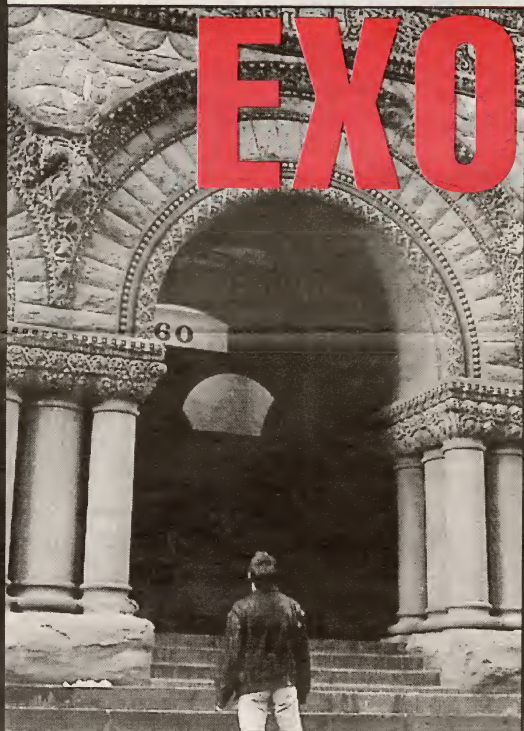
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## Resignations Force SA to Restructure

The Student Association called an unexpected meeting this Sunday to discuss the replacement of three of its members. As of January 1, Rob Ainley, formerly Student President, and Peter Klianis, formerly Treasurer, have resigned - with the resignation of Bob Cracknell, formerly Director of External Affairs, only four days later, on January 5. This leaves the SA scrambling to regain ground and reset goals, as they try to function without three vital members.

Barb Young, Vice President of Hospitality Campus, has been appointed to the position of president of the SA, but the question of who will fill the roles of Vice President - Hospitality, Director of External Affairs, and Treasurer still remain. Because of the late date of the resignations, and the length of time and cost involved in running an election, the positions will probably be filled by appointment, as per SA by-laws, which were reviewed at the meeting on Sunday. In the meantime, the Finance Committee will take on the responsibilities usually held by the Treasurer. The committee, consisting of Barb Young - now President, Dahlia Nicholson - VP Nightingale, Lori Foran - Operations Manager, and Janet Morrison - the new Executive Director, may add a remaining SA member to its team to assist its functioning.

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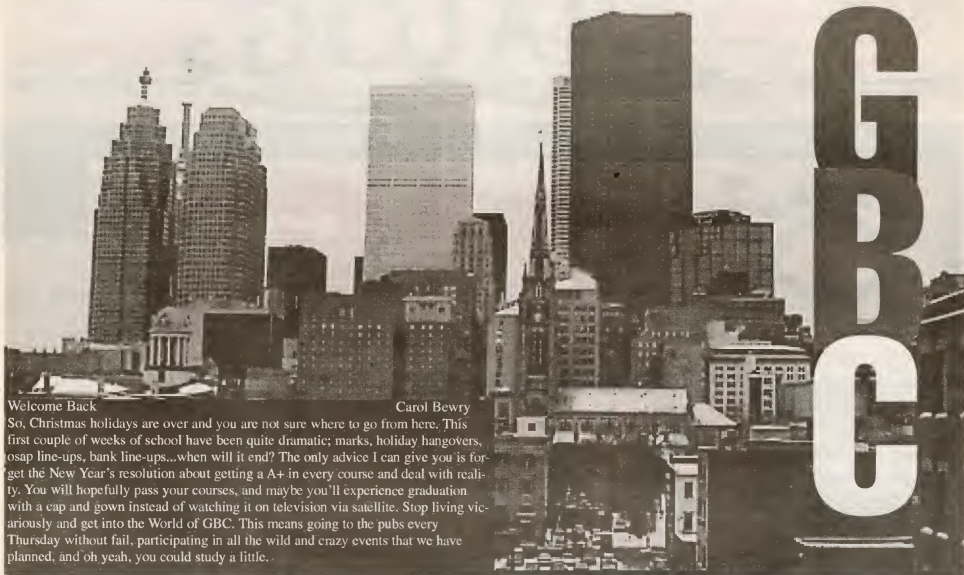
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Welcome Back

Carol Bewry

So, Christmas holidays are over and you are not sure where to go from here. This first couple of weeks of school have been quite dramatic; marks, holiday hangers, osap line-ups, bank line-ups...when will it end? The only advice I can give you is forget the New Year's resolution about getting a A+ in every course and deal with reality. You will hopefully pass your courses, and maybe you'll experience graduation with a cap and gown instead of watching it on television via satellite. Stop living vicariously and get into the World of GBC. This means going to the pubs every Thursday without fail, participating in all the wild and crazy events that we have planned, and oh yeah, you could study a little.

## From the Editor's Desk

I received a press release the other day from the National Eating Disorders Information Centre (NEDIC) that contained information about National Eating Disorders Week, which is coming up in February. In the package I got, there was an outline of NEDIC's goals and objectives in organizing this week.

Their main goal was to reduce the prevalence of anorexia, bulimia, dieting and body image problems through a public education program emphasizing social factors causing their development. I don't think that anybody would object to that goal, so I started thinking about why, if it's such a reasonable goal, is it so hard to attain? Well, I was reading over the objectives, or the ways in which they might go about achieving the goal, and I came across these two objectives. *To advocate for widespread changes in social attitudes and gender stereotyping by emphasizing a woman's identity and personhood rather than external appearance and To celebrate the diversity of body sizes and shapes of all people.* I'm going to organize my thinking about these objectives into a few main points.

1 - We are adversely affected by the media images that we see around us, which are invariably

images of women who are thinner than average, even thinner than is healthy or attainable. These images influence the way we feel about ourselves in terms of body image.

2 - While we do have the power to make decisions for ourselves and reject these images, it is the goal of the media to influence our thinking and they do a good job of it. It is their job to make us feel as if we are missing something, for example, to feel as if our body is inadequate, so that we will feel that we can better ourselves by buying their products. As such, they limit our freewill formation of self-image to some degree by constantly challenging our sense of satisfaction with our bodies.

3 - Based on these two assumptions, it is of my humble opinion that before we can move towards celebrating our natural sizes, and emphasizing women's identity and personhood rather than external appearance, we have to get Calvin Klein and the producers of Cosmopolitan magazine, etc. to do the same. We have to do this because, in our world, there are a lot of mirrors - billboards, magazine pages, TV screens. These mirrors are owned by the fashion industry, the cosmetics industry, and so on. In them we see beautiful and uncommonly thin people. The goal of these industries is for us to aspire to see ourselves in those mirrors, so that we have an incentive to buy their products. But the images that they glorify are false - the women in the pictures are too thin. Of course, some women are naturally

quite thin, but not all women, not by a long shot. So, these images, and their creators, really don't celebrate *all* women's natural sizes, and they don't value us for our personhood either. The bottom line is that they also don't encourage us to do these things for ourselves. They don't foster positive self-image, but instead, foster peripheral attempts to become the woman in the mirror.

Back to the objective of advocating for widespread changes in social attitudes and gender stereotyping. This is what we must do. First and foremost - we must reject media images of women that don't celebrate our natural sizes. It is our right to tell the fashion industry and the media industry that their images don't reflect us. Why should we give money to an industry that misrepresents us and makes us sick? We don't need to.

There are many ways in which we can act to influence change in the society we live in, but I leave you today with one small way that we can send our message to these false image creators - by targeting their bank accounts. Next time you come across a fashion magazine, take out the subscription card, and write a message on it, for example - Celebrate Our Natural Sizes - or - Boycott Mademoiselle Magazine. Then put it in the mail. The company that publishes the magazine pays the postage. Fifty cents in postage is not a big loss for them, but fifty cents multiplied adds up. They won't like it, but they'll get the point.

## •DIALOG•

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## WRITE FOR THE DIALOG

We want your views!  
Contact the Student Association for more details.



# Hi Everyone,

I'm Barbara Young, a second year Culinary Management Student, in the Hospitality Centre. Formerly the Vice President - Hospitality, I am now your new Student Association President. There have been some major changes in the S.A. over the past month and some new goals and priorities have been set for the rest of the school year.

Your S.A. Executive and Staff met on Sunday January the 11th to re-organize, and set out our goals for the next four months. The following is a listing of some of the activities and events we are working on. If you would like to have some input, please call the S.A. Executive member who is overseeing the area that you are interested in.

As everyone is aware, the S.A. has managed a student-run Health Plan for the past two years. Each year we strive to improve the quality of the plan and the level of service we provide in administering it. We are currently assessing the value of the plan and re-organizing

the structure surrounding its administration. If you would like input into next years plan, please call our Health Plan Hotline at 415-2443.

For the past school year we (the students of GBC) have been prospective members of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS). CFS lobbies all levels of government regarding issues surrounding students, as well as providing services such as Travel Cuts. The Student Association, in conjunction with CFS will be holding a referendum this term where students will be asked whether or not they want to become full time members of the organization. The fee for membership is \$12,000, per student, per year. For more information regarding CFS please contact Carol Bewry at 415-2900 ext. 83221.

Elections, Elections, Elections. Interested in becoming a part of your Student Government? Want to see some action? Have a blank spot on your resume? Please call the S.A. office (415-2455) in February to find out where you can pick up more information on specific portfolios.

Black History Month, International Week, Casino Night, Spring Formal, Pubs, Pubs, Pubs. Want to help out and have a good time while you're at it? Give Shereen (Programming Director Extraordinaire) a call at 415-2900 ext. 83222 for more info on exciting upcoming events.

Are you a numbers whiz? Are you a business student looking for the extra edge? Then do I have a proposal for you! Your S.A., in a joint venture with Revenue Canada, is setting up a Tax Preparation Centre for low income students at the College. We are looking for about twenty students to volunteer to prepare the returns. You will receive FREE TRAINING from qualified Revenue Canada staff, and in return you volunteer some of your time to help other students complete their returns. To sign up as a volunteer, please call the main S.A. office at 415-2455.

I am looking forward to the challenges of the coming months, and to meeting as many of you as possible. If you have any questions or comments, I can be reached at 415-2462.

## Students Plan for National Day of Action

By Margaret Wall

Student leaders from across Canada are meeting this weekend in Ottawa to polish the details around the January 28 Day of Action being organized by the Canadian Federation of Students. The day is being planned in response to the tuition fee increases that students have been faced with each year. They want the government to **Stop Student Debt, National Grants Now!**

That's a statement that rings true for many post-secondary students across Canada. Government cuts to education have created frustration among students, leading them to make their voices heard on the matter. The day is being organized nationwide, and students from many provinces are being mobilized to rally, picket, and participate in teach-ins and. They hope to send a strong message to the federal government that policies must be

introduced in the next federal budget that will address the student debt crisis in Canada.

In Toronto, students from high schools and post-secondary institutions will join rallies at York University, Ryerson University, and the University of Toronto. At 12:30 pm, high school students will rally at Queen's Park, where they will meet marchers from U of T. This group will then proceed to Nathan Phillips Square, where they will meet York and Ryerson protesters. They will march through Toronto, and eventually converge at the corner of King and Bay streets. The location is significant, as it is at the heart of the financial district. This is a deliberate move by the day's organizers, designed to illustrate the links between corporate rule and the continued erosion of public education.

For more information, contact Canadian Federation of Students - Ontario Component by phone 416-925-3825, or by e-mail [chair@istar.ca](mailto:chair@istar.ca)



## Student Affairs has relocated.

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| Athletics and Student Life      | Rm. 587C |
| Alumni Affairs Manager's Office | Rm. 584C |
| Student Success Co-ordinator    | Rm. 586C |
| Director's Office               | Rm. 512A |

## Planet Janet...

Hello, my name is Janet. Janet Kathleen Morrison. Actually... it's Dr. Janet K. Morrison; I finished my Ph.D. in Education at Bowling Green State University last spring and graduated, in front of family and friends, on August 9, 1997. This represented the attainment of my academic summit. I started university at age 16 and have been at one of five universities ever since, working part- or full-time while carrying a full course load. Thirteen years later, I am outright shocked to hear people call me Dr. Morrison. I'm certain that a Doctor of Philosophy should be more mature, more intelligent, more important, more distinguished, less fashion conscious and highly uncoordinated. Nonetheless, my parents and I paid a pretty penny for my "terminal" degree and, as a result, I plan to put it to good use... working for students here at George Brown College. Strange as it seems, working with college/university students has always been the focus of my career goals. My theoretical and practical experience has focused on how higher education changes people: the way they think; the way they behave; the way they interact with others; the way they collect and weigh evidence to make choices; and, the way they learn. This is not the highly acclaimed career path that parents aspire to for their children (i.e., it is not the most direct route to fortune and fame), but I love my work. My father, the capitalist, thinks I am "flighly" and "cerebral". I prefer to label my affliction "inspired" and "optimistic". Both of us were ecstatic when I finally got a job - particularly one

that keeps me out of the U.S. and is suited to my peculiar interests and aspirations. The job??? I was hired on December 15 to fill the position of Executive Director, George Brown College Student Association.

Though I have yet to fully understand the complexity of my new portfolio ... I'm really excited about the challenges ahead. First impressions suggest that your Student Association does a lot to serve the needs of it's student body: the health plan, radio station, social events, yearbook, SAC Shacks, handbook, photo ID, and free legal consultation program are all examples of their commitment to exemplary service. Clearly, the staff and student leaders you have elected and hired over past years are doing an excellent job at representing your interests. Notwithstanding current levels of excellence, however, I think there's always room for improvement. In coming months, for example, the SA board members and staff will be working toward the development of a long-term vision, complete with discussions on innovative programming and quality services designed to meet student needs in the twenty-first century. We'll also be working to negotiate the details of a Management Agreement with the College, the outcome of which will impact our capacity to generate revenue and, therefore, provide services. These are extremely important issues that demand student involvement and attention. If you are interested in contributing to student leadership at GBC, please come by the Student Association office and talk to a student leader or staff member. We would truly value your participation. Even if you just want to chat about your ideas, per-

spective or feedback (read constructive criticism) ... come by and see us. We're easy to find and will gladly make ourselves available to meet with you.

As my employer, I think there are some things that GBC students

need to know about me. Most importantly... I believe that students are the focal point of any learning community. Contrary to the negative views held by some faculty and staff regarding students... this college and other post-secondary institutions would be devoid of purpose without students. You are the pinnacle, the vortex, the raison d'être. A self-declared veteran of educational bureaucracy, I've been very fortunate. A majority of the campuses I've studied and/or worked at have embraced the "students first" philosophy. As a result, you should expect that as the Executive Director of the SA, I will work (aggressively when necessary) - together with the staff and student leadership - to prioritize you; your needs, your issues, and your concerns. To be effective in this regard requires two things: that you are informed about the issues; and, that you find some means for sharing your voice. That's where this column comes in. Under the assumption that things proceed as planned (never a safe assumption!), I will be authoring "Planet Janet" on a monthly



basis. Having written a similar column at the University of Guelph, Ohio State and the Medical College of Ohio, I think it's safe to assume that most of my efforts will focus on student issues: what you need to know, my view on the subject, and potential action plans. Others months, depending on current source of my amusement/frustration/rage... will reference something entirely independent from education. (I've been told - repeatedly - that these are the more exciting columns.) Regardless... the goal is to render you informed, make you think, and initiate dialogue. In summation, I hope they'll contribute positively to the learning community at George Brown. Please let me know what you think. To reiterate - that's the point. Come see me in the SA, call me at 415-2456, or e-mail me at [jkimorri@brown.on.ca](mailto:jkimorri@brown.on.ca). I'll look forward to hearing from you. Until next month, Janet.

## Cover Story: Mass Exodus!

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Official reasons for leaving for Bob Cracknell and Peter Kliamis have been stated as the academic burden simply being too high to allow for the extra workload of a position on the SA. Rob Ainley resigned for different reasons. As he is not a full time student, he technically cannot represent the full time student body as their president. Of the 9000 full-time students and 20 000 part-time students, the SA represents only the full-time students, and therefore, cannot have a part-time student as President.

As new student President, Barb Young hopes to get a resource package ready for the new SA next year, and to hold the elections earlier this year - the reasoning for the earlier elections being that the new members would then have a chance to get familiar with the workings of the SA before they have to actually begin their duties next fall. Some of the elements of the package would be a final report from each member outlining what was accomplished this year, what wasn't accomplished and why, and an outline of the pitfalls of the position, so that mistakes aren't repeated, and generally to make it easier for the new members to get started next year. Also included in the package would be a prospective budget for the 98/99 academic year. These provisions will hopefully provide for some continuity from year to year in the basic operations of the SA, so that they won't have to spend valuable time at the beginning of each year reorganizing basic structures.

Another challenge for the SA in the coming months will be getting the CFS referendum information out to the students. The George Brown College Student Association has the option of becoming a member of the Canadian Federation of Students, a student union that would undoubtedly bring some benefits to the college, but that would also involve an \$11 dollar/year increase in student fees. Because of this, a referendum is necessary to poll the students as to their approval or non-approval of this membership. Hopefully, the SA will be able to find a workable way to get this information to the students, despite the loss of the referendum coordinator.

While it is disappointing to lose three members of the SA in the span of a month, the reasons that they have for leaving are understandable. SA members take on a huge job when they become a part of the student government. The have to successfully perform the task of balancing school work with their duties as Student Association members, and sometimes with a student placement or a part-time job as well. Let's appreciate our SA members and support them as they work to make our school a

great place, and look forward to some strong leaders coming forth for the elections to comprise next year's Student Association.

**Student Association Elections  
around the Corner.**  
Some important dates to  
remember are:

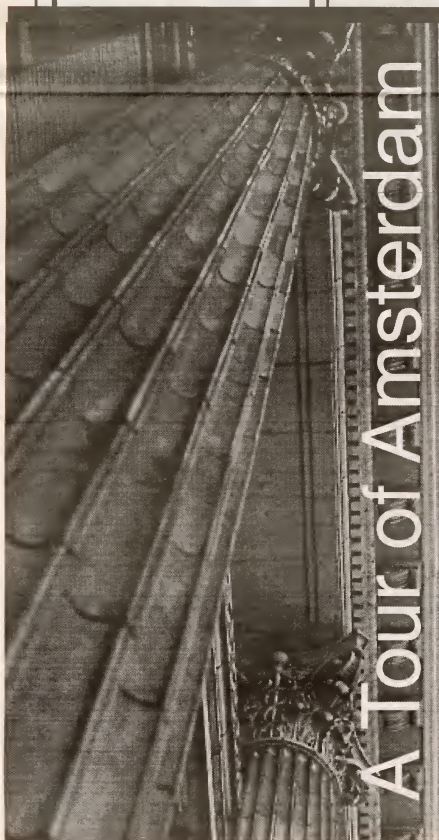
**Nominations open**  
**Nominations close**  
**Campaigning begins**  
**Elections**

**February 9**  
**February 27**  
**March 2 - 20**  
**March 23 - 27**  
**10 am - 3 pm**



### DIALOG DEADLINE SCHEDULE

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| <b>Tuesday, January 27</b>                   | Dialog Published - Wed, February 11 |
| <b>Tuesday, February 24</b>                  | Dialog Published - Wed, March 11    |
| <b>Tuesday, March 17</b>                     | Dialog Published - Wed, April 1     |
| <b>Tuesday, March 31</b>                     | Dialog Published - Wed, April 15    |
| Editor - Margaret Wall - 415-2900 ext. 89165 |                                     |



By Numa

Well, here you are, stepping out of Central Train Station in Amsterdam, your eyes blinded by the sun...actually, it's raining as usual, so put away the sun-glasses. You begin to walk tentatively, looking at the people around you and thinking, "Who are the Dutch? Are they different from me? The same? Do they really eat french fries with mayonnaise?" Relevant questions indeed. But suddenly, your philosophical thoughts are rudely disrupted as 30 horns beep at you from a large, people-eating group of cyclists crossing the street. They are like a pack of hungry dogs, ready to eat the first thing that falls in their path. Lesson #1 - bikes own the roads in Holland.

But you are still alive, excited by a near death experience on foreign soil. You continue your jaunt past the lovely Dutch canals that float tour boats and criss-cross the entire city. As you cross a complex series of inter-locking streets, you see a mirage from back home, the bully on every street corner in the world, the Golden Arches. You stand in front of them, fascinated by the advertised Big Mac Deal for about \$7.00 Canadian. As you wonder whether there is a business opportunity in buying the same deal in Canada for \$2.99 and exporting it to Amsterdam, you catch a whiff of something most unpleasant. Definitely coming from down below. Oops, I forgot to warn you - the Dutch don't have a poop-scoop law. Lesson #2 - look down. Don't worry about it though, it will happen at least three more times while you are here.

Following along a very busy sidewalk, you pass the sex museum and the torture museum. It's always good to bring home some cultural party tricks, but your feet keep walking so you just follow. After a few twists and turns, down cobblestone shopping streets, you

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pass clothing stores, sex shops (reconnaissance mission only), music stores the size of the cashier area at HMV, and several small shops serving up hot french fries with, yes you guessed it, the blob of mayonnaise. You think about the opinion that people around the world are more similar than different. This national dish has given you a new argument in favour of the latter view.

Well, what have we here? Red tube lighting, women in bras and underwear smiling at you, no, it's not you, you have stumbled (subconsciously?) into the red light district. Women standing in full-length windows, wearing their official uniforms. You see that there are beds behind the women in the small rooms, and when the curtain is pulled across the window it means that a business transaction is taking place. It's so consumer friendly, and nice not to see women standing on street corners with no protection at all. Keep on walking, there is lots more to see.

And now, you begin to notice all the sex shops around - you go in, it's a cultural experience after all. They sell similar things to what you've seen before, but in greater variety and some things you've never seen before. It's a sex-connoisseur's dream city. You try and calculate how much it would cost you to live here...no eating out (too expensive), no renting movies (\$8.00) no going to see movies (\$13.00) and no buying music or books. Or cheese...or clothes...or a lot of groceries. Anyways, it can be done. You decide to try out the Dutch language and start eavesdropping (not really eavesdropping since you don't know what people are saying) on the conversations around you. It seems that if you add guttural, coughing sounds to every word you say, you'll fit in just fine.





# ENTERTAINMENT



## Art

### Factory Gallery

993 Queen W. 504-7416. <http://www.galleryon-the-web.com>

Jason Alexander, Anita Glancola, Willi Lottering and others, to January 25.

Weekends only. noon - 6 pm.

### Gallery 44

401 Richmond W. #120. 979-3941. <http://www.interlog.com/~g44>

Anthony McLean, to Jan 31.

### 360 Restaurant

CN Tower, 301 Front W. 868-1977.

*Drive Of An Era: Steve Payne and Simon Tanenbaum, to Feb 7.*

### Market Gallery

South St. Lawrence Market, 95 Front St. E., 392-7604.

*St. James And Its Neighbours - Georgian Unity and Victorian Diversity, to Mar 1.*

### Bata Shoe Museum

327 Bloor W. 979-7799.

*Spirit of Siberia, to May 1.*

\$6 - students, free first Tuesday of every month.

### Inter/Access

401 Richmond W #444. 599-7206. <http://www.inter-access.org/weavers>

*Web Weaver's Workshop: Evolving On-line Art, to Oct. 1.*

### Royal Ontario Museum

100 Queen's Park. 586-5549. <http://www.rom.on.ca>  
Marks Of The Mi'mag Nation, to Mar 1. Corsets to Calling Cards, to May 1. Five Generations - Images Of Japanese Canadians, to Nov 1. The Art Of South Asia, to Mar 22. \$12 - students, members free, pay what you can Tuesday after 4:30 pm, free 1 hour before closing.

## Theatre

### The Mousetrap

Toronto Truck Theatre, 94 Belmont. 922-0084.

Agatha Christie's classic whodunit and Toronto's longest running show.

Tuesday - Friday and Sunday 8 pm, Saturday 6:30 and 9:30. \$20, students - \$14.

*Runs indefinitely*

### Oui

Factory Theatre, 125 Adelaide, 504-9971

Award-winner Andrew Moodie's latest romantic comedy, starring Annex

resident Paul Essiembre.

Tues - Sat 8 pm, matinees Sat 4 pm and Sun 2:30

\$16 - \$23, pay what you can Sundays.

*Runs Jan 14 - Feb 8*

### The Compleat Works of Wilm Shkspr (Abridged)

Bathurst Street Theatre, 736 Bathurst 872-1111

by Jess Borgeson, Adam Long and Daniel Singer. In

a frantic run through 37 plays by the Bard, a trio of actors demonstrate their energy and rouse the occasional giggle.

The 90-minute piece is filled with sheer silliness, combining elements of the Three Stooges and Road Runner cartoons.

Tues - Sat 8 pm, matinees Tues and Wed 1 pm, Sun 2 pm

Tickets \$20 - \$39.50

*Runs to March 31*

### I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change

New Yorker, 651 Yonge St., 872-1111

Thurs - Sat 8 pm, matinees, Sat 2 pm

Tickets \$39.50-\$49.50

*Runs to Feb 28*

### Medieval Times

Exhibition Place, 260-1234, 1-800-563-1190

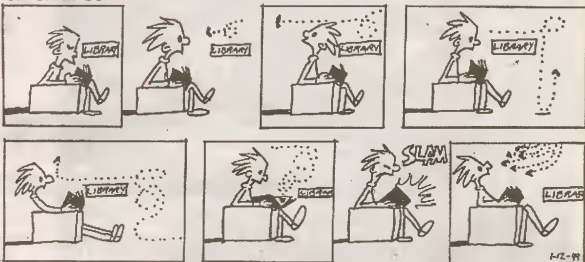
A dinner theatre evening recreates a medieval tournament, complete with jousting, sword-fighting and knights on horseback.

Wed - Sat 7:30 pm, Sun 3:30 pm

Tickets \$41.95, children - \$26.95.

*Indefinite run*

## ON CAMPUS



Paul Oulmette

## Concerts

### Wide Mouth Mason and Matthew Good Band

Lee's Palace

529 Bloor St. W.

TicketMaster \$10 all ages matinee, licensed evening

January 24

### Open Stage at Free Times Cafe

320 College St.

967-1078

hosted by Jory Nash

January 26

### Chantal Kreviazuk

Trinity Centre

427 Bloor W.

TicketMaster \$15

January 28

### Blue Rodeo

Massey Hall

178 Victoria

TicketMaster \$25.50 - \$29.50

January 30, 31 and February 1

### Spirit of the West

Horseshoe Tavern

370 Queen St. W.

TicketMaster \$17.50

February 4, 5

### Sugar Ray with Goldfinger, Save Ferris

The Warehouse

132 Queens Quay E.

TicketMaster \$19.50

all ages

February 8

### Holly Cole

Convocation Hall

King's College Circle, U of T

TicketMaster \$25.50 - \$29.50

February 14, 15

## Bad Weather Conditions?

Find out if the college is open or closed before leaving home...

If you think George Brown College might be closed or classes cancelled due to weather conditions or other emergencies, here's how to find:

Listen to the radio: George Brown College will let the following radio stations know if it is closing or cancelling classes by 6:00 a.m. of the day in question. These same stations will also know by 3:00 p.m. if evening classes are affected.

CBC Radio One (AM 740), CHUM-FM (104 FM), CHFI-FM (98.1 FM), CFNY (102.1 FM), CHUM-FM (104.5), CFRB 1010, 680 News, Q107

Call the College: To find out if classes are running, call (416) 415-2000 (or toll-free 1-800-265-2002) from a touch tone phone and enter extension 3905.

A message with updated information will be available at this site everyday by 6 a.m. and 3 p.m. Please note that information about the cancellation of specific classes is not available.

If you do not have access to a touch-tone phone, our Call Centre will know the status of classes or if the college is closed.

Call Centre: 415-2000 (or toll-free 1-800-265-2002)

Open: Weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. (4:30 p.m. on Fridays)

## Casino Night '98

Since last year, the college has been coping with drastic budget cuts. With the layoffs of many faculty members, and increased tuition fees, many people at GBC have not been exactly happy.

Last February however, we changed all of this for a brief span, as the college and the community came together in a time of need. We came together to help make education more accessible in our first casino fund raising event. \$25,000 was raised that night with the help of the Ontario Special Opportunity Trust Fund, a government initiative which doubles any monies raised to support bursary programs.

This February, we will try again! The 2nd annual Casino Night is being organized as you read this... Speak to your SA rep to find out how you can do your part. It's everyone's responsibility to do all that we can to ensure that those who want an education have the means of obtaining it.

Matt Guillemette



**KARL MALONE**

**ALONZO MOURNING**

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**GREAT GAMES**

**DAMON STODAMIRE**

**SHAQUILLE O'NEAL**

|               |           | REGULARLY          | STUDENTS       |
|---------------|-----------|--------------------|----------------|
| <b>BLUE</b>   | 100 level | <del>\$80.00</del> | <b>\$48.00</b> |
| <b>GREEN</b>  | 100 level | <del>\$56.00</del> | <b>\$33.00</b> |
| <b>YELLOW</b> | 100 level | <del>\$35.00</del> | <b>\$21.00</b> |
| <b>PURPLE</b> | 500 level | <del>\$21.00</del> | <b>\$13.00</b> |

**Call 872-5000**

Maximum 4 tickets per purchase. Must provide student ID# to order.

## NEW BLOCK OF GREAT GAMES NOW AVAILABLE

**Order In Advance For Great Seats!**

**MIAMI HEAT**  
Feb. 15-12:00pm

**UTAH JAZZ**  
Mar. 3-7:00pm

**ORLANDO MAGIC**  
Mar. 29-3:00pm

**L.A. LAKERS**  
Mar. 31-7:00pm

**MIAMI HEAT**  
Apr. 10-8:00pm



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## New Free Internet Service for Students

Student's! There is now a new, FREE service on the Internet for you. Student Classifieds Online is a web site designed to provide students with a FREE classifieds service. More importantly, it allows students to buy and sell goods from their personal computer to students abroad. Yes, abroad: Student Classifieds Online intends to unite Canada's college and university students, and so create a broader and richer market base.

Here's how it works:

- 1) From their home page (<http://www.itscanada.com/~ferry/index.html>) students choose either to add an item or select a category to browse (categories include: Housing, Computer Supplies, Used Books, Personals, and Miscellaneous).
- 2) Both viewing and adding are FREE!!!!
- 3) To find out more just send them an e-mail message at: [ferry@itscanada.com](mailto:ferry@itscanada.com)

Student Classifieds Online can also be accessed by searching for them through one of Netscape's various search engines, including Lycos and Infoseek.

In the near future they will be adding a page for job seekers and another for students looking for travel-mates, called Trekkers. They will also be adding a search service. So check Student Classifieds Online out at: <http://www.itscanada.com/~ferry/index.html>

## National Eating Disorders Week February 1 - 7

National Eating Disorders week is organized by the National Eating Disorder Information Centre. It is being organized for the purpose of bringing awareness to eating disorders, and body image issues. There are a variety of events that will be going on from February 1 - 7 in conjunction with the week.

One such event is a conference being held February 6 at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education in Toronto. The topic of the conference is Body Wise Children and Adolescents: Encouraging Healthy Lifestyles. If you're planning on working in the field with children or youth, you might be interested in attending. It will include workshops, and opportunities to network with others who are working in the field, or related fields. Workshop titles include Image and Power: Gender and Body-Image in Young Women and Men, Promoting Positive Body Image: Who to Target, When, and How?, Eating Disorders and Adolescents, Working with School Systems Towards the Prevention of Eating Disorders, Feminist Approaches to Eating Problems, Beauty and the Beast, All Shapes and sizes, Athletes at Risk, and Risk and resilience.

It runs for one day. Registration is possible until one week prior to the conference. For more information, contact Karin Davis: 416-486-3220, [karin.steven@sympatico.ca](mailto:karin.steven@sympatico.ca)

## Student Athletes of the Month

**Men's Basketball**  
Asron Hunt  
Culinary Management

**Women's Badminton**  
Victoria Peace  
Human Services Counsellor

## Casa Loma Campus Champions

Men's Singles: Nick Taurazzi  
Men's Doubles: Shamsher Syed and

Greg Marlagoutsas  
Mixed Doubles: Anthony Fiorella and Catherine Goutanos

## College Wide Billiards Tournament

With 2 pools of 6 keen players, the College Wide Championships saw many competitive ball game players. Casa Loma Campus' representatives came out on top, with 4 of them advancing to the semi-finals. The final results were as follows:

Champion: Jack Wendolwsky  
Runner up: Randy Nelson  
Consolation Champion: Andrew Chow

## Intramurals

Indoor soccer  
St. James Campus: The Bomb Squad  
Casa Loma Campus: Kilamnanjaro  
College Wide Champions: Kilamnanjaro

## Badminton

St. James Campus Champion  
Women's Singles: Melanie Cosway

## Why should we celebrate Black History Month?

Lia Olson

When this question was posed to several people, many felt that we should celebrate Black History Month because blacks have contributed many positive things to Canadian society. I firmly believe that we live in a racist society, and that one of the ways we can combat racism is by educating people. Black History Month or African Heritage Month is an opportunity for the dominant culture to learn about the diverse contributions that blacks from all parts of the world have made to Canadian society. This includes black politicians, writers, doctors, and nurses, among many others. It is also an inspirational legacy we

can pass on to future generations of black children. It gives our children a framework for positive reinforcement when they are aware of, and can identify with positive black role models. This is especially important because of the negative stereotypes that black children are exposed to every day in the media. For example, the mainstream media paints a picture of blacks as criminals. Black History Month is also an opportunity for black people to look at the positive things they have done in the past, continue to do, and are capable of doing in the future.

As Canadians, it is important to celebrate this month because we value the concept of multiculturalism. Black History Month is a perfect opportunity to support this idea. This special month allows us to reclaim much of our history that has been lost, and to educate and teach others about it.



# IMPORTANT OSAP INFORMATION

## ONTARIO WORK STUDY PROGRAM

This year, under the Ministry of Education and Training's new policy, students who are recipients of OSAP may have income, from any source, of up to \$600.00 during the whole of their school year. Students who receive more than the \$600.00 maximum income during the school year will have their OSAP eligibility reduced by 80% of anything over the \$600.00. This will result in an overpayment of OSAP funding for the 1997/1998 year, which will reduce OSAP entitlement in the following year(s) and may affect the amount you will repay.

Please contact Denise of the Financial Assistance Office at 415-2488 if you have any questions/concerns regarding the Ontario Work Study Program for this year.

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

This year, information on scholarships and awards will be available on the College's Web Page. The address through which to access information on scholarships and awards is <http://www.gbrownc.on.ca/GBCWEB/StudentAffairs/Finaid/awards.html>

AUDITIONS



**PARAMOUNT CANADA'S WONDERLAND**

Paramount Parks announces Performer Auditions and Technical Support Interviews for the 1998 Entertainment Programme at **PARAMOUNT CANADA'S WONDERLAND**.

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| <p><b>Toronto, Ontario</b><br/> <b>Thursday, January 20, 1998</b><br/> <b>Friday, January 20, 1998</b><br/>                     University of Toronto<br/>                     55-Wellington Avenue<br/>                     430 Spadina Avenue<br/>                     12:00 - 3:00 pm<br/>                     Technicians, Character and Escort Interviews<br/>                     12:00 pm - Voting, Instrumentals<br/>                     12:30 pm - Singers, Actors<br/>                     2:30 pm - Dancers</p> | <p><b>Paramount Canada's Wonderland</b><br/> <b>Saturday, January 31, 1998</b><br/> <b>Sunday, February 1, 1998</b><br/>                     Paramount Theatre<br/>                     12:00 - 3:00 pm<br/>                     Technicians, Character and Escort Interviews<br/>                     12:00 pm - Voting, Instrumentals<br/>                     12:30 pm - Singers, Actors<br/>                     2:30 pm - Dancers</p> |
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Sage Managers and Costume Shop Supervisors with musical, stage and/or street theatre experience are asked to fax resumes and references to (905) 832-7459 or e-mail to [pwauditions@paramount.com](mailto:pwauditions@paramount.com). Only those granted an interview will be contacted.

For more information, call Paramount Canada's Wonderland Entertainment Department Hotline (905) 832-7454 or find us on the web at [www.auditionnow.com](http://www.auditionnow.com).

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## HOW HAVE WE DONE SO FAR???

We are always eager to find new ways to improve the level of our service to you, and would like to have your thoughts on how we might do it better. Please drop us a line, give us a call or simply drop in to talk to Audrey Albert if you have any ideas (or concerns) you would like to share. Audrey can be reached at 415-2489.

Thank you in advance, for taking the time to contact us.

## Free Career Planning Workshop

Hate your job? Unsure of what type of work you'd enjoy and do well at?

Can't understand where the jobs are today?

If you said yes to any one of these questions, George Brown College can help with a free, three-hour Career Planning Workshop.

Topics Explored in the Workshop include:

- the need to assess your strengths and weaknesses - and find the work that's right for you
- the advantages of creating a personal career action plan that gets results
- how to develop a strategy for marketing your skills to employers
- practical steps to harness your entrepreneurial spirit
- how to research training and employment opportunities

Monday evenings from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. followed by a 30 minute question and answer period

**February 16      March 16      April 20**

St. James Campus, Room 128 (Lecture Theatre)  
 Advanced registration required. No fees or cost.  
 Call 416-415-2900 ext. 3444

**Your Workshop Leader:**

Lisa Trudel, who combines a background in theatre and college-level career consulting to present vital information in an entertaining way.

## Casa Loma TSRC Presents Award to Sponsor

The Technology SRG at Casa Loma has recently presented an award of appreciation to Mayday Malone's Pub and Eatery. The local business, owned and operated by Joe and Tony Viveiros, has been sponsoring and contributing to the TSRC for the past two years and has acknowledged future endeavors.

Once inside the restaurant/pub, you are made to feel at home immediately with Joe and Tony's comical wit. They offer almost daily fire price meals, which are a bargain for student's. The night life is great and the staff and patrons are always laughing and being friendly. Friday nights are the nights for partying here (although I have seen them party most other nights also).

Don't be afraid - be adventurous! Visit Mayday Malone's at 1078 Bathurst St. (just south of Dupont). See you there!

Thanks Mayday's

Garry Brisbois  
 Communications Coordinator  
 TSRC Casa Loma

## CONGRATULATIONS TO



*Fergus O'Halloran*

who won

THE INTERNATIONAL WINE & FOOD FOUNDATION OF CANADA  
 1997 SCHOLARSHIP

for having attained the top grade in  
 The Certification Course  
 Sommelier Guild of Canada  
 Taught at George Brown College

The Toronto Branch  
 The International Wine & Food Society  
 Scholarship Sponsor

The International Wine & Food Society is the oldest and largest international society of gourmands with over 10,000 members in some 30 countries. There are also branches in Canada.

## FOOD BANKS

The Student Association in partnership with Student Affairs offers all students at George Brown College the service of three food banks. Foodbanks are located at Nightingale, Casa Loma and St. James. The food banks are run by students for students. Please take the opportunity to drop in or call your respective campuses for more information on how you can access the food banks.

Nightingale 415-2463 , Casa Loma 415-4730, St. James 415-2455

## Our Time - A Reflection On The Past Christmas Season

The season of giving and good cheer has ended. This year, retailers have declared a boom and credit card debt has soared. I guess there are a lot more guilty people this year. Think about it - there are more homeless people, more unemployed and many more under-employed. Those who do have jobs fear the ever-looming layoff. As we work longer hours (for less pay, need I remind you) - parents spend less time with their children. Can this lack of parental involvement in a child's development have beneficial effects - how many reports of teen murderers did you hear of this season? Maybe there is a correlation but I am not a sociologist just an observer.

We watch the story of Scrooge retold over and over. It seems to us that the times of Charles Dickens have past into the history books and into works of fiction. 'Oliver Twist' was on television during the holiday season - it was a lovely musical. We can cast a veil of sentimentality over dark times believing they are gone. But are they really? That is a matter for debate.

One friend of mine works as a welder in a small factory. This year a beam fell on his foot and broke it. His employer reluctantly filled out the paperwork so he could enjoy nine weeks of compen-

sation. There were many applications from friends and relations of his co-workers to fill the position during his absence. No well wishers here. He went back to work a few weeks before Christmas. They all worked until 4 p.m. Christmas eve. There was no bonus not even a well wishing from the boss. To his credit, however, he did splurge for some KFC. These buckets of chicken were laid out by a manager for their enjoyment at lunch that very day. His wife - she makes some extra money baby-sitting three other children as well as their three year old daughter. They consider themselves quite lucky.

Another friend, who worked on an assembly line, has been laid off since September. He lives with his wife and two children, one five the other three, in a one bedroom apartment. They all sleep in the one bedroom. They live on the fourth floor and they do not have an elevator. His wife has a part-time job, once a week on Saturdays. The rest of the time she's with the kids while he tries to find work. He is trying to get some funding to upgrade his skills to perhaps find some better work. Their dream is to get a bigger place.

The winning story, however, comes from a new friend of mine. He related last year's Christmas surprise. He is middle aged and on disability pension. You see, he is an epileptic and he broke his back a number of years ago. Today he is finishing his B.A. with the help of our government. He works part time in a library as part of his funding program.

A month ago he was informed that his funding was going to be cut by some percent. That would leave him with barely enough money to pay his rent and groceries. His case is now under review after he filed an appeal. Luckily his engineer room-mate has a job. He stocks shelves at Wal-Mart. They live in a converted factory with many people of similar circumstances. There was a neighbour who was also receiving some support from the government. His funding was cut for some reason or other.

This man had a history of mental illness and his alternatives after the cut became clear. He had to move into a shelter, since he couldn't afford an apartment. He drifted from one place to another through the summer. In each place he would find himself beaten up by others staying at the shelters. By the fall he was looking for alternatives.

A cold winter descended on Toronto that year. With no other place to go he turned to his old neighbours. The people in this building took some pity on the man. They let him live in the hallway. He slept on and old couch. This lasted for a few weeks.

Early on Christmas morning my friend woke up and went to make some coffee, as many of us do every morning. What did he see outside his window? It was not jolly old Saint Nick gliding across the sky. He looked outside - and there was his neighbour hanging from the window above.

## What's Cool on the Net?

### Theme Central Station

<http://www.agt.net/public/niki/themes.htm>

This site is designed to be complementary to a new *Desktop Themes* application, which is a program that helps you to install screen saver type themes on your computer screen. These themes are really just multimedia backgrounds for your computer screen. They come equipped with a special character that replaces the arrow used by your mouse, and fancy little sounds to match, so that when you click certain things on your screen, the accompanying sound will play. It's kind of entertaining, and takes the monotony away a little if you're working on boring stuff.

At Theme Central Station, you can choose from links to about a hundred different sites, where you can pick from many different themes that will convert your desktop into a funky multimedia atmosphere. The other day I downloaded a few themes, just to see what they were like. Among the themes I downloaded were a Bugs Bunny and Elmer Fud theme, a waterfall theme, and for amusements sake, the Cheese Wiz theme. They were all right. The Bugs Bunny theme was by far the most interesting. It transformed my computer into a huge picture of Bugs Bunny and Elmer Fud playing chess, and now everytime I hit the wrong key, Bugs Bunny asks me sarcastically, if "I think I'm a wise guy". The Waterfall theme is okay too. It's got interesting sounds, like - when you empty the recycle bin, a howl, I haven't checked out the Cheese Whiz one yet, but it's sure to be um, interesting. Anyhow, there are themes for all interests, Sci-fi, TV shows, movie celebrities, nature scenes, you name it, it's all there.

### Download.com

<http://www.download.com>

This is actually a great site. At Download.com, you can download the latest software from all different types of applications. Whether or not you're already somewhat fascinated with downloading, as I am, this site will catch your attention. Who could resist - it's like walking into Future Shop, and buying all kinds of new games, graphics programs, fax modem software, etc. - except it's free!

The site is organized into categories to make it easier to find what you are looking for, or if you'd rather search it by name, you can use the search engine to find a specific program. Categories include, *Business, Development Tools, Drivers, Education, Games, Home and Personal, Internet, Kids, Multimedia and Design*, and

*Utilities*. Also available on this site are the latest versions of the most popular browsers and plug-ins available, including Netscape Communicator and Internet Explorer 4.0. Also Opera 3.0, 1X Browser, HotJava 1.1, Lynx 2.7, and Web Prowler 4.00.

Examples of some of the programs available are @loha/home 2.0, where you can animate your email with cartoons and sounds, and Age of Empires, a game where you can work on advancing an entire civilization.

### The Simpson's Homepage

<http://www.geocities.com/hollywood/hills/5756/simpsons.html>

If you're a Simpson's fan, you'll definitely enjoy this site. It's very multimedia-ish, and entertaining.

The site is organized into the categories, *Simpson's Sounds, Simpson's Links, Simpson's Quotes, Simpson's Movies, and The Simpson's Trivia Quiz*. In the Sounds section, you can listen to any of the Simpson's characters, Marge, Bart, Homer, Grandpa Abe, Apu, Barney, Mr. Burns, Moe, Bumble Bee Man, McBain, Otto, and Krusty the Clown saying the things that they always say. Of course, Homer has the most lines, with Bart and Mr. Burns coming in to tie for a close second.

The only drawback to this site is that you have to have an Mpeg viewer to watch the Simpson's movies, but that's not so bad, because you can download one at the site. The question is, do you really want to bother? Maybe if you're a big fan.

### OLGA

<http://ros.res.cmu.edu/guitar/>

This is a very cool site where you can find all kinds of guitar tab and chord music. There is an archive of about a billion artists, ranging greatly in genre, and each artist has a large archive of songs. If you play guitar, you might want to check this out. The music is all submitted by people who browse the site, so it varies greatly in quality, and might sometimes be insulting to those of you who are really good players. However, if you're a beginner, this is a gold mine of easy, and well known songs. Not only can you find music by almost any artist you want, if you don't find what you're looking for, you can put in a request, and maybe, somebody will post the song you want.

The site is set up so that you can search by alphabetical listing of artist, or you can type in a song title in the search engine. There is also a section for new posts, so that you can keep up to date, without having to go through the whole site - which is quite extensive - every time.

## Dear Angie



### Dear Angie

I need some advice. There is this guy in my class who has been harassing me since the first day of school. At first I was flattered but now he is going a bit too far, and getting really annoying. He makes rude comments and tries to pinch my behind. I know that this is not a good thing and that I should tell someone, but he is in my class and I don't want to have to feel more uncomfortable around him than I already feel. Please help me..  
>From "Tired of being pinched but scared to come forward"

### Dear "Tired but scared"

This is an awkward situation but it can be dealt with. In not saying that this is going to be easy or that you won't feel uncomfortable after but sometimes you gotta do what you gotta do! Ok, first you have to make sure that you two are alone when you talk to him because this will ensure that he won't get embarrassed and maybe keep doing it. Then after you have him alone tell him that you do not like what he has been doing and that you would really appreciate it if he stopped. Usually this works but in the case that it doesn't, then go to a teacher that you trust. Teachers are here to help. Well, good luck.

### Dear Angie

I have a little problem. My girlfriend of 5 years went away to school and while she was gone I fooled around with some other girls, but there was one that actually lasted. Now my girlfriend is coming back and I'm not sure if I should pursue the relationship with the new girl or keep the relationship of 5 years. I want both but realize that it is impossible.

>From "Love or confusion"

### Dear "love or confusion"

Bad boy!! My advice to you is that you should really look at both girls and see other good points and bad, maybe make a chart or something, because obviously if you had been happy in your first relationship then you wouldn't have strayed from the path so easily. Consider that consequences of your actions carefully and remember either

way, someone will probably get hurt, so there is no easy way to win this one. If absence hasn't made the heart grow fonder, and the return of your girlfriend is not making you weak in the knees maybe this experience has shown you what you really should do.

### Dear Angie

I have been seeing this guy for about a month now and for Christmas, he got me diamond earrings. At Christmas we had only been seeing each other for 2 weeks, this seems like a lot. What I would like to know is, why do you think that he would get me such a costly gift when we had only been seeing each other a short time?

>From "Curious if he wants more"

### Dear "Curious"

Holy cow! He got you diamond earrings and your worried??? First of all they may just be cubic zirconia. Take a step back and ask yourself, do you really like this guy and do you plan on still seeing him? If you do relax and just tell him that you aren't ready to exchange such expensive gifts. Other than that, I say keep him! If he buys you earrings for x-mas, then don't you want to wait around and see what he gets you for valentines day.

### Dear Angie

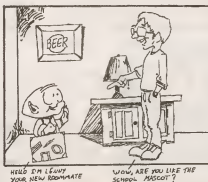
What happened to Andy??

>From "inquiring minds would like to know"

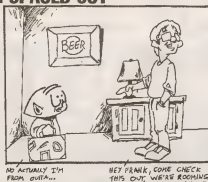
### Dear "inquiring minds"

I am sad to inform you that Andy had a little accident with a poodle. He is in the intensive care unit in toronto general. Sorry but your stuck with me now!!

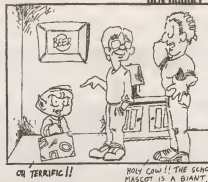
## SPACED OUT



WELL IT'S LOUD  
YOUR NEW BOYFRIEND



HE ALREADY ISN'T  
FROM QUEEN



OR TERRIFIC!!

NO! COW!! THE SCHOOL  
PRINCIPAL IS A BUNNY  
WHILE TEST BUNNY!!

### CAMPUS

## WorkLink

WorkLink is a NEW Internet based job posting service which makes advertising jobs on Canadian campuses easier for employers and accessing job listings for students.